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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 10/612,410; Filed: July 3, 2003
For: **Methods and Compositions for the Production, Identification, and
Purification of Fusion Proteins**
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$450.00 to cover a two (2) month extension of time fee;
2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a);
3. Response to Restriction Requirement; and
4. A return postcard.

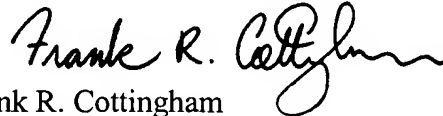
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Respectfully submitted,

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